

THE COURT'S GENERAL QUESTIONS ON VOIR DIRE
CRIMINAL CASE

1. Have any of you heard of this case before?
2. Do any of you know any of the parties, lawyers, or witnesses on this case?
3. It is anticipated that this case will last _____ days. Does that schedule present an undue hardship to any of you? Undue hardship is more than mere inconvenience but would present a serious personal burden for a juror to serve in this case.

4. Have any of you ever served on a jury in a criminal trial?

IF YES: Were any of those answering "yes" to the last question the foreperson of their criminal jury?

5. Have any of you ever served on a jury in a civil trial?

IF YES: Were any of those answering "yes" to the last question the foreperson of their civil jury?

6. Do any of you anticipate any difficulty following the court's instructions regardless of what you believe the law is or ought to be?
7. Do any of you have any religious or philosophical views that may cause you to feel uncomfortable sitting as a juror in a criminal case (e.g. where you are making a judgment about the conduct of another person)?
8. Evidence may show that events in this case took place at or near _____. Are any of you particularly familiar with that location?
9. Have any of you ever been the victim of a crime? (Define crime to include property offenses.)
10. Have any of you close friends or relatives ever been the victim of a crime?
11. Have any of you ever witnessed a crime?
12. Have any of you ever been a witness in any court proceeding? (exclude deposition)
13. Do any of you have any experience as a law enforcement officer? (Define law enforcement officer to include military police, private security guard, private investigator, IRS agent.)
14. Do any of you have a close friend or relative with experience as a law enforcement officer?

15. Have any of you ever had an extremely pleasant or extremely unpleasant experience with a police officer?
16. Do any of you know anyone employed by a prosecuting agency (e.g. King County Prosecutor, Washington Attorney General, U.S. Attorney)?
17. Do any of you know anyone employed by any public defender agency or any lawyer engaged in criminal defense work?
18. Do any of you know anyone connected with the courts or judicial branch?
19. Do any of you have training in _____, _____?
20. Have any of you ever been accused, arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime?
21. Have any of your close friends or relatives ever been accused, arrested, charged, or convicted of a crime?
22. Do any of you have a physical condition or ailment that would make it uncomfortable to sit and listen to a trial for several hours per day/
23. Have any of you had difficulty hearing thus far?
24. It may be that the evidence in this case will discuss e.g. drugs, alcohol. Do any of you have such strong feelings about _____, that you would not be able to act impartially?
25. Is there any reason why any of you might not be able to try this case impartially and fairly for both sides?

AS APPROPRIATE FOR CHILD ABUSE OR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASES

26. Have any of you ever been sexually or physically abused?
27. Have any of you ever had a close friend or relative that has been sexually or physically abused?
28. Have any of you ever had a child tell you that he/she has been sexually abused?
29. Do any of you have any specialized training, education, interest, or experience in the area of sexual abuse of children or domestic violence?
30. Do any of you have a close friend or relative with specialized training, education, interest, or experience in the area of sexual abuse of children or domestic

violence?

31. Have any of you contacted or had Child Protective Services, the police, or any social welfare organization come to your home regarding a child?
32. Have any of you ever had a child removed from your home for any reason?
33. Have any of you ever been a foster parent?
34. Have any of you ever participated in any juvenile court proceeding involving a child?
35. Do any of you belong to any organization involved in protecting the rights of abused children or parents of abused children?
36. Have any of you ever been physically assaulted by a spouse, child, parent, relative, or close friend?
37. Have any of your relatives or close friends been assaulted by a family member?
38. Have any of you called the police to your home or the home of another because of a domestic dispute?
39. Have any of you been involved in a bitterly contested divorce proceeding?
40. Do any of you belong to any organization involved in helping victims of domestic violence?

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